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Title : MOLECULAR DETECTOR ARRANGEMENT

Docket No. : 310134.402USPC

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A Response to Notification of Missing Requirements dated July 12, 2005 was timely filed by Express Mail with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 27, 2005.

In response to the Notification of June 30, 2006, Applicants petition the Commissioner to accord a filing date for the above-identified application based on the following evidence:

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- Copy of United States Postal Service Track and Confirm Search Results for Label/Receipt Number: EV335614532US
- 3. Copy of the PTO stamped return receipt postcard that accompanied the Response to Notification of Missing Requirements
- 4. Copy of the Response to Notification of Missing Requirements filed on July 27, 2005:
 - (a) Transmittal Letter (3 pages +copy)
 - (b) Declaration for Utility or Design Application Using an Application

 Data Sheet (1 page)
 - (c) Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements (PCT/DO/EO/905)
- 5. Copy of additional papers filed at the time of the Response to Notification of Missing Requirements on July 27, 2005:
 - (a) Election and Power of Attorney
 - (b) Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)
 - (c) Form PTO-1595
 - (d) Assignment (3 pages)
 - (e) Information Disclosure Statement
 - (f) Form PTO-1449 (1 page)
 - (g) Copies of Cited References (11)

The undersigned attests that the copies of the Express Mail label showing "date-in" and any official notations entered by the United States Postal Service on the Express Mail label, the PTO stamped return receipt postcard that accompanied the Response, and the Response to Notification of Missing Requirements are true copies.

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Please note that the assignment document (item 5(d) above) included in the Response to Notification of Missing Requirements should not be re-recorded, as it <u>has</u> already been recorded by the Assignment Services Branch. The assignment document in the Response has been marked as such.

Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for the present petition. The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Petition, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Please contact the undersigned representative if any additional information is required. Issuance of a filing date and a Notice of Acceptance for this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNET'S DOCKET NO. TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES 310134.402USPC DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) **CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371** 10/520,986 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED PCT/GB2003/002962 July 9, 2003 July 10, 2002 TITLE OF INVENTION MOLECULAR DETECTOR ARRANGEMENT APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Richard GILBERT, Xiao-Feng ZHOU and Brian Philip ALLEN Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). has been communicated by the International Bureau. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. I is attached hereto. b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. | have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. have not been made and will not be made. 8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. A preliminary amendment. 14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76 15. A substitute specification. 16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825. 18. A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). Other items or information: Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b); PTO-1449 (1 page); Cited References (11); Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements.

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NOTIFICATION

This is in response to the correspondence filed on 02 June 2006.

BACKGROUND

This international application was filed on 09 July 2003, claimed an earliest priority date of 10 July 2002, and designated the U.S. The International Bureau communicated a copy of the published international application to the USPTO on 22 January 2004. The 30 month time period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 10 January 2005. Applicants filed, *inter alia*, the basic national fee on 10 January 2005.

On 12 July 2005, a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) was mailed to applicants, requiring the submission of an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b).

DISCUSSION

The instant correspondence urges that "a copy of the Response as filed on July 27, 2005" be accepted on the basis of return postcard receipt evidence. However, the instant correspondence has not been signed by a registered patent attorney or agent. Further, it appears to have been prepared and signed by "Rosie Price, Legal Assistant to Stephen J. Rosenman, Ph.D." It would not be appropriate to consider the merits of this correspondence (which is in effect a petition to accord a filing date to the "copy of the Response as filed on July 27, 2005") in the absence of the signature of a registered practitioner.

CONCLUSION

The application is **ABANDONED**.

This application will be retained in the Office of PCT Legal Administration for ONE (1) MONTH to await a proper submission by applicant; if no proper submission is received within this time, the application will then be forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch for the preparation and mailing of a Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909).

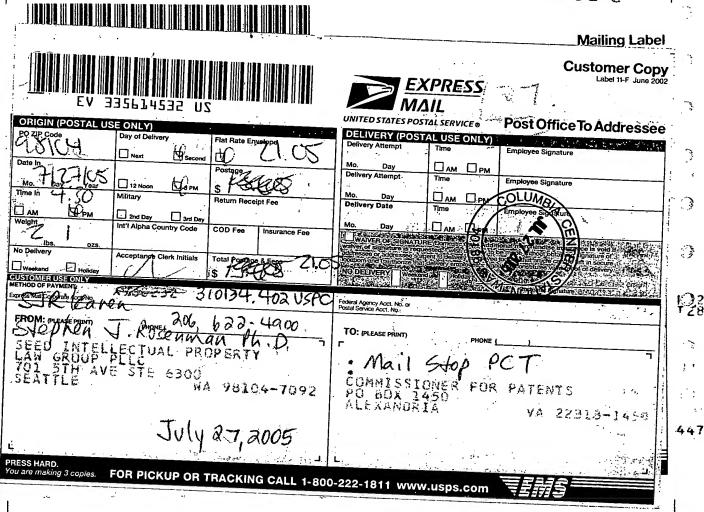
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